

Schenectady Athletic Committee

February 25, 2010

Meeting call to order: 6:35

Meeting Attendees: Mike Caruso, John Fitzmaurice, Mike Frederick, Tony Derenzo, Gary Farkas, Steve Boynton, Theresa Fitzmaurice, Gary Comley, Mai Cortes, Joe Yamin, Carlos Cortes (possible new member).

Presentations:

Coach Yamin- presented their request for medals- the medals are gold, silver and bronze. The cost for the medals would be \$1,100 including shipping. This amount is the same amount as requested last year. Theresa asked that each request for the teams be made separately. Invitations for the event go out in March, Mike wanted to find out the lead time on the order because we did not have quorum at the beginning of the meeting and would have to decide later. The event is 4/27 for the girl's team and 4/29 for the boy's team, it is always the Tuesday and Thursday before the Derby.

The teams each pay approximately \$235.00, some instances school will pay \$10 per event for each individual. Joe keeps track of the lists and Theresa asked that we give her complete lists of teams for the event.

January Minutes: when quorum was reached, approved motion by Mike F, second by Theresa- clarified spelling on Hilliard.

Treasurer Report:

Theresa-see sheet- Recap of the Wrestling Invy, Theresa still does not have the complete list on attendees at this invitational, this has always been an issue and we must require teams to supply us with these lists.

We reviewed the paper work on the request for the lacrosse nets. There was some confusion about the amount on the bill and what was actually requested, total that we are contributing is \$1537.50. The teams involved in this request are: boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys track, girls track and soccer (no particular team was noted)- each team contributed \$100.00.

Official vote on the Treasurer's report- with change on netting amount, approved motion by Mai, second by Gary F.

Administration Business:

Steve- talked about an experiment with freshman basketball being moved over to Mt. Pleasant as being well received.

- The reason for the experiment was so games would not be ending at 10-11 pm at night on school nights, now the games are ending and people are going home at 8:30-9:30. The coaches, police, press, parents and other teams are all saying this is a great solution. The only downfall would be that Carol does not get to see them as often. It was noticed that not as many students are coming to games, however this is a trend happening at all games, the price has not increased but students are not coming out the way they used to.
- Mike requested that Steve makes sure that Theresa has all lists of teams attending and invited any Invitational's.
- Old showers were recently removed and a cement wall was built, this created a team room. Not many teams use the showers at all.
- The new field is saving us a lot of money, since we no longer have to shuttle teams back and forth to fields. The savings are between \$600-900 a day.
- Freshman Football is going to end this season, we are only averaging 16-18 players left at the end of the season, most other schools don't have a freshman team or won't play us, so they play 4 league games and play them numerous times. The students will be put on JV or there is still the option of Pop Warner for these students. Mike asked what Coach Kramer's reaction is?
- Academics- we discussed possibly looking at the policy and reviewing it for athletics. Steve mentioned it is a struggle to enforce the policy. Currently, in school suspension- there is no practice allowed; out of school suspension, they are not allowed on school grounds. Weekly sign in forms have been done before but not always successfully. Panamation helps because it is instant access and when a student is absent it is noted that day. Coach Kramer uses tracking sheets for baseball
- A thank you note was given to the AAC from the swim team for our contribution to their invitational.

Old Business:

We had to go over the 4 points for the Schenectady Foundation:

- Friends of Patriots Athletics was decided to be used for the financial piece that would apply for grants, handle the monies, etc with the 501c3 organization;
- We will use the same mission statement as the AAC;
- A motion was made by John F, and seconded by Gary F, to agree: ***as part of being under the umbrella of the Schenectady Foundation, we would be giving them all monies***

received by grants, etc and they would in turn release any funds to us, this would be based on our approval;

- Mai or Mike will sit on their board, we will see if we can have an alternate.

New Business:

Concessions were discussed, Steve gave us the option to run a concession, Mike said that we really want to focus on the grants right now. Football concession works out well for them, Belmont runs the concession and then gives a donation to the team.

- Fields are bringing in money, all of that money goes to the General Fund, Steve has so many requests for the field, he really has to have assistance to answer all of them, so he is managing it and getting to them when he can.
- We can allow marching bands to use the field, however, they cannot march at all on the track;
- An outside bathroom is still in the plans;
- Track has sunk where the drainage is, it is obviously under warranty and will be fixed when the weather is consistently over 50 degrees;
- Field is holding up well, we have the correct equipment to plow the field, but people are not trained to use this equipment so no one wants to take any chances.
- All scheduling for the fields have been worked out for spring sports, and Kramer is currently working on the process for fall.

Grout Run – can we set up a meeting with us and the coaches involved so we can prepare for next year's run.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 7pm at Pinhead Susans: Can Monograms Plus come to our next meeting to discuss what options we may have?

Policy on grades: we would like to discuss this and see what we can come up with to present to the Board of Education to adopt. If we wanted a new policy to be in place by next year, we need to make a motion before the next BOE meeting. We liked the Horsehead's School District's Policy on Athletics. We need to find a copy and review it to adapt our own policy

Mike F. wanted to discuss the team requests, we discussed the history of the requests and how concessions are processed. All requests go to Steve this will remain, but teams should be encouraged to have concessions at events so they can make some money for their season.

We would like to institute some guidelines:

1. You may be required to fulfill all or some of the following requirements

2. The request must be a reasonable request
 - a. Percentage of students on team related to the requested amount;
3. What is the team willing to contribute
 - a. Should preferably be 25% of request;
4. How the coaches and/or teams present to us what they are requesting;
5. History of participation with AAC sponsored events
 - a. Amount of hours put into assisting other sports events, etc;
6. The request must be given to us 60 days prior to the event;
7. Final determination is given by the Friends of Patriots Athletics (FOPA) and is at their discretion;

Gary F. brought up putting signage up at concessions, i.e. "You are supporting such and such event." Buying some kind of signage that would be interchangeable so it can be used by all teams. Gary C. mentioned that there may be a flat screen TV that can be put up and wording can be posted to run across the screen. He will look into this as an option

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 motion by John, second by Gary C.